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Weekly Cold-related Illness Surveillance Report

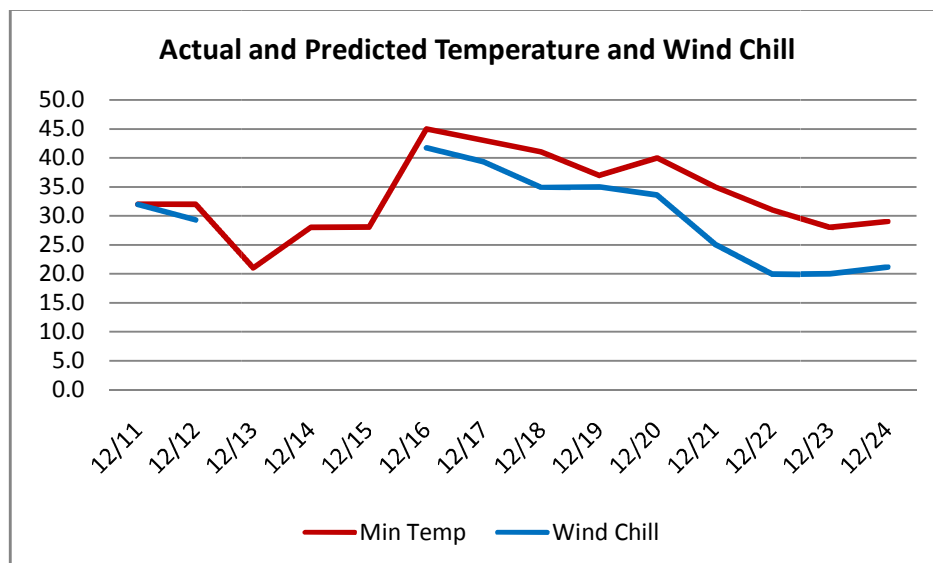
December 18, 2012

Reporting for December 11, 2012 through December 17, 2012

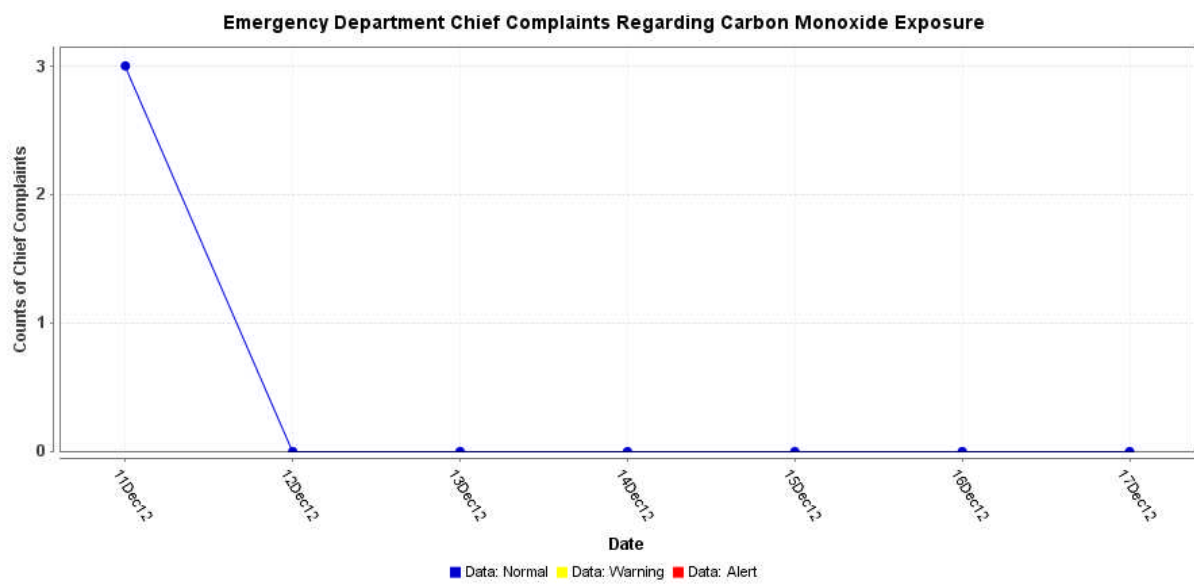
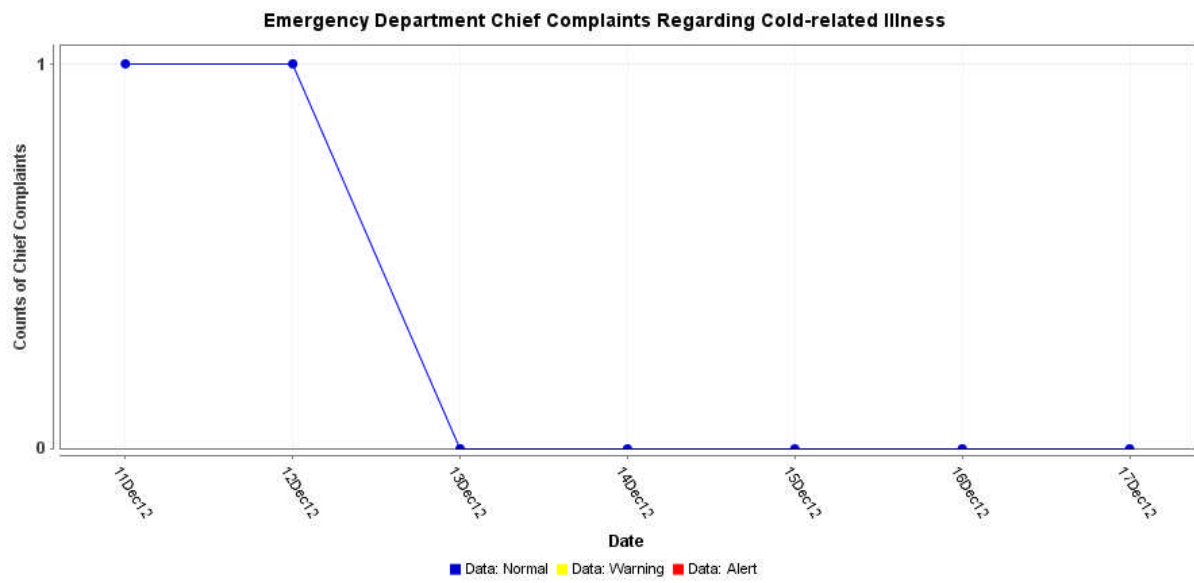
National Weather Service Forecast: No cold-related warnings or alerts

Wind Chill Advisories Declared This Week: 0

Total Wind Chill Advisories Declared: 0



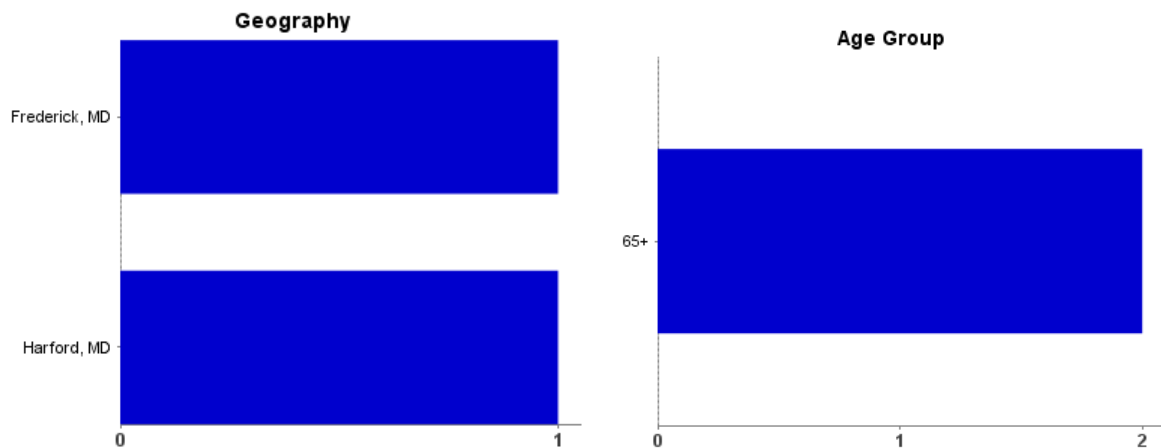
Note: Wind Chill is only calculated for temperatures below 50°F and wind speeds above 3 mph



Date	Number of Chief Complaints Regarding Cold-related Illnesses	Number of Chief Complaints Regarding Carbon Monoxide Exposure
December 11	1	3
December 12	1	0
December 13	0	0
December 14	0	0
December 15	0	0
December 16	0	0
December 17	0	0

There was one chief complaint cluster regarding carbon monoxide (CO) Exposure identified during the week. Information on this cluster has been forwarded to the local health department for follow-up. Clusters identified are the result of multiple individuals reporting to the same, or nearby, hospitals in a relatively short time period. Individual cases of CO poisoning may not be referred to the Local Health Department. However, the identification of clusters may indicate a larger problem and are referred to the Local Health Department.

Geographical and Age Group Distribution of Emergency Department Chief Complaints Regarding Cold-related Illnesses for December 4 through December 10, 2012



There are no reported hypothermia deaths so far this winter.

Wind Chill Advisory/Warning Criteria: The National Weather Service issues a Wind Chill Advisory for projected wind chill factors of -5°F to -20°F, and a Wind Chill Warning when the projected wind chill is for -20° or less.¹

Note: The cold report will be released on Tuesdays, with the reporting period being the previous Tuesday through Monday.

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¹ NWS Wind Chill Factor Chart: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/windchill/>